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...SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES
BANISTER, GUY
THOMAS, RAY
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OSWALD, LEE; POST-RUSSIAN PERIOD; POLITICAL....
FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE

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INVESTIGATION INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

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Identifying Information:

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City/State Baton Rouge, La.
Date of Birth 1-19-13
Social Security 439-07-0307

Date 6-12-78
Place phone
Telephone 504-924-2851
M or S _____
Spouse _____
Children _____

Physical Description:

Height _____
Weight _____
Ethnic Group _____

Color Eyes _____ Hair _____
Special Characteristics _____

Personal History:

a. Present Employment: Tide States Investigating Agency
Address 2138 Wood Dale Blvd.
Telephone 504-927-1649

b. Criminal Record
1. Arrests _____
2. Convictions _____

Additional Personal Information:

a. Relative(s): Name _____
Address _____

b. Area frequented: _____

c. Remarks: Witnessed burning files of Guy Banister and other files of State Police Intelligence 1970-1

Investigator Robert Buras
Date 6-12-78

OUTSIDE CONTACT REPORTDATE 6-12-78 TIME 11AM

I. Identifying Information:

Name Ray William ThomasTelephone 504-924-2851Address 2144 East Contour Dr.Baton Rouge, La.Type of Contact: Telephone
 Person

II. Summary of Contact:

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III. Recommended Follow-up (if any):

Contact Jim Garrison and Andy Sciambre relative to this file.

Signature: Robert Buras

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He stated that he could not remember too much about the files contents but would call back if naything came to mind. Mr. Thomas stated that Billy Joe Booth, an instructor, at Louisiana State University would remember the files being destroyed but since it has been such a long time he would not, in all probability, remember their contents.

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